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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1778

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, KU, UR, EG  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF KUWAIT ARMED FORCES PROCUREMENT CHIEF  
TO EGYPT

REF: (A) USDAO BUCHAREST 301228Z MARCH 77, (B) KUWAIT 1403  
(NOTAL, (C) KUWAIT 1708

1. KUWAIT PRESS OF APRIL 4 REPORTS KUWAITI DEFMIN SHEIKH  
SA'AD AS SAYING THAT KUWAIT HAS PURCHASED "WEAPONS"  
FROM SOVIET UNION, MENTIONING ONLY THE SA-7 MISSILE. THIS  
WAS THE FIRST PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SALES CONTRACTS  
ACTUALLY SIGNED WITH THE SOVIETS. AS WE NOTED IN REF C,  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT CURRENT SOVIET PURCHASES BY THE GOK  
ARE FOR EGYPTIAN FORCES.

2. CHUSLOK HAS LEARNED THAT THE KUWAITI MILITARY  
OFFICER WHO IS THE PERSONAL CONFIDANT OF THE DEFMIN IN  
GOK MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING MATTERS (FOR ALL  
SERVICES) IS TRAVELING TO EGYPT APRIL 5 AND WILL RETURN  
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TO KUWAIT APRIL 14. HE IS COL. ABDUL AZIZ AL-SAYEGH,  
ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR TECHNICAL PROCUREMENT.  
WE HAVE NOT YET DISCOVERED THE REASON FOR THIS TRIP IF  
EMBASSY CAIRO COULD DO SO IT MIGHT ADD SUBSTANTIALLY  
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE KUWAITI-EGYPTIAN MILITARY RELAT-  
IONSHIP, AND COULD CONCEIVABLY SHED LIGHT ON ANY LINK  
BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY AND THE SOVIET "WEAPONS" FOR

KUWAIT.  
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